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New World Order: Anglo-Aryan Style

In the four years he was ambassador to Germany, William E Dodd Sr reported to the American State Department on the intrigue by German, French and British reactionaries (or fascists) to establish a new order and divide the world.

This, and a thousand other interesting and sensational facts are revealed in "Ambassador Dodd's Diary," one of the most important documents of our time, published Feb 20. Years before this war, Dodd reported, British Tories planned to give Austria and Czechoslovakia to Germany and to direct German aggression "eastward" (meaning towards the Ukraine).

In the very first issue of IN FACT, we said "We cannot print the story of how William Bullitt . . . intrigued in Berlin to prevent the signature of the Franco-Soviet treaty. The reason we cannot print that is because we cannot mention the source of this fact."

On Sept 9, however, we said of Ambassador Bullitt: "He helped smash the Franco-Soviet pact. He misled the French authorities with false stories about the Soviet armed forces. He worked in France against the Popular Front. Bullitt set out to destroy the French Republic in the interests of the French reactionaries."

Any person interested in the dirty work known as international diplomacy, in knowing the Nazi connections of Lord Lothian, Sir Neville Henderson, dozens of American business men, diplomats, college professors, should read the full text of the Dodd diary.

Dodd Diary Exposes Bullitt

It can now be disclosed that on his first trip back from Moscow Ambassador Bullitt proposed to Ambassador Dodd that he confer with the French ambassador to Berlin, Francois-Poncet, with the purpose of preventing a Franco-Soviet understanding. Dodd told Bullitt that such an action was against his interpretation of diplomatic usage; Bullitt could work through the State Department, but he could not undertake such action on his own in a country to which he was not accredited.

Later, Francois-Poncet informed Dodd that Bullitt had conferred with him. After Bullitt was made ambassador to France he sent Marcel Knecht, owner of Le Matin, to Dodd to propose working together for a Franco-German alliance. He asked Dodd to write President Roosevelt to lend a hand. In his notebook Dec 13 1936 Dodd wrote:

"Does this mean that the United States is intermeddling or that Bullitt is moving, as in 1935, without official instructions?"

Dodd was worried that Bullitt's intrigue would be taken as indicating our government's viewpoint. Dodd wrote: "At luncheon with the French ambassador, he (Bullitt) repeated his hostile attitude and argued at length with the French for the defeat of the Franco-Soviet peace pact then being negotiated, which the English ambassador reported to me was the best possible guarantee of European peace. This attitude of Mr Bullitt seems to me to be out of his range because France and England might think the President was speaking through him. I felt compelled to report the account as given me by the French ambassador. Later, or about the same time, when the new Italian ambassador came here directly from Moscow, we were told that Bullitt had become attracted to Fascism before leaving Moscow. . . ."

World Dominion Plan That Failed

Ambassador Dodd further relates Bullitt's connections with reactionaries in France, but it seems "unbelievable" to him, when American banks contemplated loans to Italy and Germany for war machines, that "Bullitt is lending encouragement to these schemes."

The great scheme of the time was to divide the world among Germany, Britain and the US. British diplomacy, in Tory hands, cooperated with Hitler with this end in view. Sir Neville Henderson approved Hitler's annexation of Austria, Czechoslovakia, saying "Germany must dominate Europe, England and her Empire is to dominate the seas along with the United States. England and Germany must come into close relations, economic and political, and control the world. . . ."

The Krivitsky Scandal

THE Associated Press suppressed news last week which has an important bearing on the suicide of Gen Walter Krivitsky, author and ex-Dies Committee witness, in a Washington hotel. This information is given to IN FACT by a wellknown novelist and magazine writer. IN FACT vouches for its authenticity.

On Feb 6, thanks to an appointment arranged by a New York magazine, the novelist met Krivitsky at a coffee-pot restaurant. Krivitsky appeared emotionally unbalanced, began raving about his troubles with his literary collaborators, said he had been doublecrossed in magazine and book rights. He concluded:

"You know I could raise plenty of hell if I wanted to tell all I know. There were lots of things in that Saturday Evening Post story I never said. If . . . (naming one of his collaborators) does not come across, I'm going to get some money somewhere. Do you know who would buy an article about the truth about the Saturday Evening Post stuff?"

Another SatEvePost Story

WHEN Krivitsky's stories appeared in the Saturday Evening Post some time ago their veracity was questioned. The editor of IN FACT had been in Spain and will take oath that most of Krivitsky's statements about Spain were complete falsehoods. When the stories later appeared as a book even the fascist-minded NYTimes reviewer, Michael Florinsky, challenged the truthfulness of the material.

IN FACT's novelist friend told the impoverished Krivitsky that he might be able to sell his story repudiating the stuff in the SEP. Krivitsky said he had an appointment with one of his collaborators Saturday and if he failed to get money he would let the novelist know. On Sunday the novelist called one of Krivitsky's collaborators for information and was told that he had gone to Washington, address care of J B Matthews of the Dies Committee.

These are the facts as one of the last persons to see Krivitsky alive reported them to the Associated Press. They are not in the AP story. Meanwhile the press went wild. PM alone refused to falsify the news. It said: GREAT KRIVITSKY 'MURDER' SOLD A LOT OF PAPERS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SUICIDE.

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France is a back number and unworthy of support. Franco is to control Spain."

This statement was made June 23, 1937, long before Franco won. Dodd noted in August 1936 that Germany and Italy had sent planes, guns and men to Franco; he informed the American government of these facts a few days after the Franco rebellion broke out, but Germany and Italy denied participation for more than a year, and the US State Department never disclosed the truth.

The plan of dividing the world also included Japan's predominance in the Far East. Bullitt himself favored Japan's seizure of the Siberian peninsula including Vladivostok. Dodd said this would deny Russia access to the Pacific Ocean. Bullitt replied: "That makes no difference." Dodd wrote in his book: "I was amazed at this kind of talk from a responsible diplomat. . . . The President must know the man's mentality, but if so, how could he have appointed him ambassador to Soviet Russia?"

Note: Ambassador Dodd was neither for nor against Soviet Russia. He recorded these facts because he believed the ethics of American diplomacy were involved. Mr. Dodd was one of America's great democrats; he refused to attend the Hitler parties at Nuremberg, and he fought not only Hitlerism in Germany, but fascism in America.

The publication of the Diary makes it possible for IN FACT to give the documentary source for one of the few stories it has published where documentation was not indicated. IN FACT thanks its many readers who waited for this documentation and expressed confidence in IN FACT's authority.

State Dept: Wealth, Power, and Reaction

Ambassador Dodd despised the wealthy men who bought themselves embassies and the wealthy lads who got themselves diplomatic jobs. His diary is filled with stories of their incompetence and laziness.

Wealth, power, reaction and their ultimate development, fascism, play a big part in US diplomacy. One of America's worst mis-representatives, for example, was Ogden Hammond, New Jersey capitalist, who sold US democracy down the river in Spain. Hammond now wears the Great Cross of Isabella, presented to him by Franco.

The Italian Fascist, Count Roberti, was stopped at the Mexican border last December; he was taking \$2,000,000 in US money to Mexico. American officials suspected that part of this money was used to inspire a demonstration against Vice-President-elect Wallace. Roberti, being a diplomat, could not be arrested. The episode revealed that Countess Roberti is Hammond's daughter.

Joseph Grew, ambassador to Japan, is a friend of the Japanese (Time May 29 1939). Scion of a Boston banking family, Grew is related by marriage to J P Morgan, and is described as "moderately well off."

James Dunn of the State Department, frequently called one of Franco's most ardent admirers, is usually referred to as "husband of Armour packing millions."

Alexander Kirk represents Kirk soap millions.

Congress Approves Un-American Committee

In an atmosphere of war hysteria the House of Representatives Feb 11 extended the life of the Dies Committee another 18 months. Only six representatives had the courage to vote No. They are: Representatives Marcantonio and Dickstein, NY; Scanlon, Penna; Eliot, Mass; Hook and Tenerowicz, Mich.

In the debate Dies declared that President Roosevelt approved the committee. Either this was false or the President has recently reversed himself. Roosevelt once denounced Dies' activities as "sordid" and untruthful. "The Dies Committee made no effort to get at the truth," he said. (Press conference, Oct 25 1938.) Mrs. Roosevelt and other public figures in America have denounced the Dies Un-American committee as Un-American. This denunciation is based on the fact that the Dies Committee violates the first principle of Americanism, fair play. It refuses to hear both sides. It abuses its congressional privilege by smearing, slandering and libeling innocent persons and organizations.

Dies and the Underworld

From its inception the Dies Committee has provided a forum for a sordid collection of spies, stoolpigeons, perverts and hoodlums, whose testimony has been spread on the front pages of respectable newspapers. Its first "investigator," who hunted up expelled members of militant unions whenever the unions were negotiating contracts, was Edward F Sullivan, who was kept on the Dies payroll several months after Labor's Non-Partisan League published his criminal record, which included one conviction for larceny and another for perversion. For a period there were few Dies Committee witnesses without a police record. Sullivan is now a professional anti-Semite, working with the Ukrainian fascists.

The Dies Committee's underworld connections came to public attention again last week, when it intervened openly in two murder cases, one in New York, one in New Orleans. Chief Investigator Stephen Birmingham, once the head of a minor-league labor-spy agency, testified as a character witness for Jerome King, alias Jerome Madeiros, on trial for the killing of a union seaman. He told the

Doors Barred to Peace Lobby

IN the procession of witnesses testifying for and against HR 1776 before the House and Senate Foreign Relations Committees in the last month there have been foreign agents (Maj Gen John F O'Ryan, who advocated declaration of war on Germany, registered with the State Dept as a Japanese agent), native fascists (Merwin K Hart; Gerald L K Smith, former associate of Huey Long and Father Coughlin, leader of a letter-head anti-labor organization called the Committee of One Million), high-powered columnists (Dorothy Thompson, Hugh Johnson), appeasers (Col Lindbergh, Joseph Kennedy), State Dept Clivedeners (William Bullitt), obscure Tammany judges, big business men, cabinet members—and until the last day of the hearings, no representative of labor except William Green.

American Peace Mobilization spokesmen sent letters and telegrams to the committees, which went unanswered. Leaders of the APM asked Hamilton Fish, NY Congressman heading the ineffectual opposition in the House committee, to press for a chance to hear their testimony. Fish said, "I don't want your support," and refused to talk with them further. The result was that only readers of labor papers knew opposition to the bill was not confined to native American fascists and certain representatives of isolationist big business.

The APM organized a mass lobby of several thousand persons to visit Washington. This was met by a step without precedent in the memory of Washington correspondents: the APM delegates were barred by a line of Capitol police from the Senate and House office buildings. The head of the police would not reveal who had given the order. "Someone higher up," he said. Dr Walter Scott Neff of NY protested that this was a denial of the constitutional right of petition. "In wartime you have to work differently," replied the police head. (Source: The Volunteer, new bi-weekly issued by APM in NYC.)

Medical Ethics

THE American Medical Ass'n, now on trial in Washington for conspiracy to smash the Group Health Ass'n organized by low-paid government workers, gets the same favorable attention in the press as the utilities do, an examination of "canned" editorials in the country press reveals. Identical editorials appeared in Washington (NC) News, Beach Haven (NJ) Times, Duquesne (Pa) Times, Katonah (NY) Record and elsewhere. All libeled Group Health doctors.

Libels Against Labor

WHEN a newspaper prints a libel against a person it can be sued. But the press is free to libel religions, peoples, minorities, "races." It is also free to libel labor, and this it has done for 100 years, as American history records.

On Nov 25 1940 the New York Times published a story headed: LABORERS BUY CHAMPAGNE IN BRIDGEPORT WAGE BOOM. On Jan 10 the Bridgeport Industrial Union Council called the story "brazen misinformation" and pointed out the tre-

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mendous harm it did Bridgeport and labor in general.

On Feb 6 Penn Kimball of PM got a confession from the Bridgeport reporter who faked the story because it was a Sunday afternoon when "things were kind of dull."

The Times maintained a dignified silence.

The Unfair Press

THE American Newspaper Publishers Association opposed the formation of a newspapermen's union (American Newspaper Guild, CIO) on the ground that the writers would put union ideas into the news. In six years no evidence of this charge has been found.

Now, in a Newspaper Guild election in Philadelphia, the publishers show their impartiality by using the front pages of their papers for partisan stories in an attempt to crack the Guild apart.

The worst smearer was the Philadelphia Inquirer. This Republican paper smeared the Guild in order to smear the Record, a Democratic paper. Leaders of the "Communist" faction, said the Inquirer, were Record reporters. The Record also used its news and editorial departments to smear the Guild (and lost no opportunity of mentioning the fact that M L Annenberg, owner of the Inquirer, is in federal prison).

Provincial Fascism

WHEN the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce invited W J Cameron, America's second most notorious anti-Semite (next to Chas E Coughlin) to be guest of honor at a banquet, the American Peace Mobilization protested. Tulsa Tribune and Tulsa World suppressed the protest, suppressed the refusal of leading attorney Travis Milsten to be toastmaster.

Was Vickers Also Bombed?

SEVERAL senators debating the Lend-Lease Bill were interested in a letter from L J Salter stating that the NY Times report of the British bombing of Genoa mentioned destruction of Ansaldo works. Salter wrote NYT stating British armament interests partly owned Ansaldo-Armstrong and Vickers Terni. Salter wants to know: whether the Vickers-Armstrong half of plant was left unbombed; whether the press suppressed half the name of British directed Fascist corporation; whether the Times would print his letter.

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jury King worked with him for several years, gave him "valuable cooperation." The jury nonetheless found King and two confederates guilty of manslaughter and King was sentenced to 2½-10 years in jail. His confederates got 5-15 years. Federated Press reports: "The reason for King's light sentence, Federated Press was told by the District Attorney's office, was that King had been of 'considerable assistance' in exposing Communists. 'He's turned over a great deal of material on Communists to the government,' it was explained."

Last week in New Orleans William C McCuistion, equally notorious on the waterfront, was acquitted of the murder of Philip Carey, an NMU Gulf official. Behind this acquittal is an amazing story of intimidation and intrigue.

Dies Looks After His Own

William McCuistion was a deserter from the International Brigade who returned to the New York waterfront to join the Mariners' Club. When this was exposed by the NMU as being financed by shipowners, McCuistion went to New Orleans and attempted to disrupt the NMU there. "McCuistion was one of an organized gang who traveled through the various ports in the Gulf area which was responsible for the beating, intimidation and injury of many seamen," said Joe Curran, NMU president. As such he was an ideal Dies Committee witness, and Stephen Birmingham brought him to Washington. The chief of New Orleans detectives came to Washington too and announced that McCuistion was wanted for murder. "This is unfair. It isn't right," shouted Dies. The Wash Times Herald reported: "Before releasing the witness Dies read a prepared statement saying that investigation showed McCuistion had been constantly in touch with the NY office of the FBI for several months before and since the slaying." "Chairman Dies asserted that the arrangements for McCuistion's arrest had been made with the idea of discrediting his whole testimony and that the witness was being 'persecuted,'" said the Washington Star, and ran a picture of Dies comforting McCuistion's mother.

Dies, at public expense, went to New Orleans to see that McCuistion's "civil rights were respected" and held secret hearings on the case. Robert Stripling, committee secretary, notified the Times-Herald by phone that "Testimony before the committee was to the effect that Carey was working with McCuistion, who in turn was working for a government agency concerned with national defense." Minutes of this hearing were introduced into the record by McCuistion's lawyers. From them it was apparent that Dies had come to New Orleans, not to find out who killed Carey, but to make it clear that McCuistion was under his protection.

Albert Koorie, one of McCuistion's lawyers, admitted to an NMU attorney that he had been retained by the Dies Committee.

State witnesses testified that McCuistion had often threatened Carey, that McCuistion had followed Carey out of a bar on the night of the killing, that he was seen beating Carey with a length of tire chain, that he fled from New Orleans. McCuistion's defense used three witnesses:

(1) Joseph Delaney, assistant director of the Immigration and Naturalization Office (recently transferred by executive order to the Dept of Justice), who testified that McCuistion had given him "information" about Harry Bridges;

(2) Shermon Lemmon, co-founder with Jerome King of the Mariners' Club, former NMU member now working for the US Maritime Commission, who testified that McCuistion fought "subversive elements" in the NMU;

(3) McCuistion's mother, a former Dies Committee witness, who testified that McCuistion was born in Texas and that his ancestor fought in the Civil War on the side of the South.

McCuistion was acquitted.

Said an editorial in the PILOT: "Exoneration of King and McCuistion, with the aid of Dies, the FBI and the Maritime Commission, means that goonery has received the blessing of high governmental departments and has been taken out of the shipowners' jurisdiction—which is fascism in the making."

Time Marches to War

The latest issue of the March of Time, "Uncle Sam—Non Belligerent" is described gleefully by Time as "much stronger meat than the US has yet tasted." Sen Burton K Wheeler, who is depicted in it, thinks so too. The March of Time photographed him making a statement against HR 1776, cut out all but a few sentences and inserted them where they would make his anti-war position seem petulant and insincere. The commentary, delivered in ominous tones, assumes that everyone in the US but a few appeasers favors war.

This is the March of Time's most reckless venture to date into war propaganda. PM reports that audiences applaud most enthusiastically the appearances of Wheeler and Vito Marcantonio. What effect it has is largely due to scenes from official German newsreels. German newsreels were widely shown in this country during the first months of the war, but last May the four American newsreel companies agreed on a boycott. Since then the newsreels, which include one British clip in each issue, have been more one-sided on the war than the press or the radio.

March of Time got its war scenes from the Canadian Film Commissioner, who confiscated them on their way to South America. This arrangement is an interesting example of the way the March of Time works.

Last year it issued *Canada at War*, an account of Canada's participation in the Empire's war effort, just when Canadian officials were being criticized in the House of Commons for lack of activity. It overstated the extent of Canadian rearmament and the popular enthusiasm for war. Cameramen took several shots of the same half dozen Bren guns on a conveyor belt and put them together to make the output more impressive. Government employees waiting to cash their paychecks in an Ottawa bank were described as patriotic Canadians lined up to buy government war bonds. (Source: a Canadian newspaperman now in New York.) The Canadian Film Commissioner was grateful.

Most belligerent March of Time film prior to "Uncle Sam—Non Belligerent" was a reexamination of American history, *The Ramparts We Watch*, of which Charles Beard, America's foremost historian, said, "It is one thing to believe honestly and passionately that the US should enter the war on the side of Great Britain. It is another thing to claim that history as presented in a few flickers on the screen and a few snatches of words is true history. If we cannot be as omniscient as the Almighty God, we can at least be restrained in the use of rhetoric." It was begun as an isolationist picture in 1939, when Time Inc was opposed to offending Hitler, and parts of it were retaken at considerable expense after war started to make it interventionist. It has lost about \$200,000, and to make this back March of Time is issuing a British version, with a number of changes in the commentary. The NY office of the British Ministry of Information went over the script and deleted, among other things, all references to the German kaiser.

Two or three months ago March of Time made a frankly recruiting picture about Camp Dix. It has made pictures about every government department and all branches of the US armed services. Cameramen are allowed into government departments only on condition that the department censor the pictures before they are released, which has made the March of Time a kind of semi-official agency. The Army and Navy supply "advisors" for its military and naval films. Louis de Rochement, March of Time producer, was a lieutenant in the Navy. Roy Larsen, president of Time Inc, who supervises March of Time, and Tom Orchard, associate March of Time producer, have applied as officers in the Naval Intelligence Reserve, and in wartime they will probably act as the Army's liaison men with newsreels. Members of the coast guard, marines and air corps use March of Time studios and cutting rooms to learn photography. In return for teaching them to be government cameramen, March of Time gets exclusive rights to their films.

"In Fact" in Congress

From the Congressional Record, Feb. 6; page 689: Rep. Marcantonio speaking:

"He (Ambassador Kennedy) filed a confidential report with the State Dept and the State Dept suppressed it and will not release it. Apologists for the State Dept say that these documents are not released until 17 years afterward, but that was not the case when Ambassador Bullitt went on the air and slandered the workers of France, falsely charging them with causing the defeat of France....

"I have before me a small newspaper entitled IN FACT, gotten out by a gentleman whom I personally know . . . in whom I have utmost confidence. On January 13 1941 he printed excerpts from that (Kennedy) report. To this day the authenticity of the publication of this report has not been challenged, and I challenge the State Dept to refute the authenticity of this report. This report, as we say in my district, is 'the McCoy,' it is the real goods."

(Congressman Marcantonio then quoted directly from IN FACT):

"I had hoped that the State Dept might meet the challenge issued by this publication. If we are going to defend England as a democracy, . . . and our ambassador files a report to the effect that England is no longer a democracy, why does not the State Dept—the Administration—release that information to the American people, so that we can debate this question with our eyes open?"

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Have You a Cold?

THE Federal Security Agency sent the following notice to the press of America Feb 3:

"Present-day medical opinion supports the view that there is no known substance or mixture of substances which can be relied upon to prevent or cure colds.

"Surveys of products which now appear upon the market show that many of them make claims involving the treatment or prevention of colds which are not justified by the scientific facts; others exaggerate the effects which the medications will have upon the symptoms."

Most newspapers of America suppressed this and similar information. On the other hand most newspapers have for years published cold-cure advertising which has robbed the public and done damage to its health.

One way to test the self-styled free press is to challenge it to publish anything which might injure its pocketbook. Meanwhile:

Do not alkalize. Do not take any pills advertised in the press or on the radio. Do not believe cold advertising appearing in the NYTimes or other papers. Do not take nose drops. Do not use patented salves.

Jefferson Said:

"THE man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers."—Jefferson.

Protestantism Answers Hate

TAKING cognizance of the fact that the present war hysteria is being used to encourage intolerance, the Protestant Digest Associates launched a movement "Protestantism Answers Hate" at a dinner-forum, Hotel Roosevelt, NYC Feb 25. The announcement of the meeting reads: "No longer should hate for the foreigner, hate for the man of color, hate for the Jew, hate for the Roman Catholic, hate for the minority groups, be voiced in these United States without a forthright condemnation by all Protestant people."

This Time It's Macy's

THE Federal Trade Commission Feb 8 declared that the advertisements of R H Macy describing rugs as Oriental, Chinese, or Numdah Reproductions, were fakes. Story released for morning papers. Story suppressed in morning papers. Macy is one of New York's biggest advertisers. This sort of thing happens a thousand times a year but no publisher will admit news is suppressed or that advertisers affect the news.

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